

COLORADO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AUTHORITY

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE AUTHORITY BYLAWS

WHEREAS, Colorado Electric Transmission Authority (“Authority”) is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, by virtue of organization under Title 40, Article 42, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, §40-42-104(1)(c), C.R.S., authorizes the Authority to adopt, amend, and enforce bylaws not in conflict with the constitution and the laws of the state for carrying on the business, objects, and affairs of the Authority and its Board of Directors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Colorado Electric Transmission Authority that:

1. **Adoption of Bylaws.** The Bylaws attached hereto as Exhibit “A” are hereby adopted.
2. **Severability.** If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.
3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect and be enforced immediately upon its approval by the Board.

Adopted this 21st day of October, 2022.

COLORADO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION
AUTHORITY

By: /s/ Kathleen Staks
Chair

Attest:

/s/ Michelle Zimmerman
Secretary

EXHIBIT A

COLORADO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AUTHORITY BYLAWS

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY. The Colorado Electric Transmission Authority (“Authority”) is an independent public body politic and corporate, public instrumentality, and political subdivision of the State of Colorado with those powers authorized under Article 42 of Title 40, C.R.S.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE. It is hereby declared that the Bylaws hereinafter set forth will serve a public purpose.

SECTION 3. POLICIES OF THE BOARD. It shall be the policy of the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Authority, consistent with the availability of revenues, personnel and equipment, to use its best efforts to undertake and carry out the activities authorized by law.

SECTION 4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. All powers, privileges and duties vested in, or imposed upon, the Authority by law shall be exercised and performed by and through the Board, whether set forth specifically or impliedly in these Bylaws. The Board may delegate to officers, employees, and agents of the Authority any or all administrative and ministerial powers.

Without restricting the general powers conferred by these Bylaws, it is hereby expressly declared that the Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- a. To confer upon any appointed officer or employee of the Authority the power to choose, remove or suspend employees or agents upon such terms and conditions as may seem fair and just and in the best interests of the Authority.
- b. To determine and designate, except as otherwise provided by law or these Bylaws, who shall be authorized to make purchases, negotiate leases for office space, and sign receipts, endorsements, checks, releases and other documents. The Board may, on a limited basis and by resolution, give an Authority manager or other appointed signatory the power to sign contracts and other official documents on behalf of Authority.
- c. To create standing or special committees and to delegate such power and authority thereto as the Board deems necessary and proper for the performance of such committee’s functions and obligations.
- d. To prepare or cause to be prepared financial reports covering each year’s fiscal activities; and such reports shall be available for inspection by the public, as required by law.

SECTION 5. OFFICE.

- a. **Business Office.** The principal business office of Authority shall be at c/o Collins Cole Flynn Winn & Ulmer, PLLC, 165 S. Union Boulevard, Suite 785, Denver, CO 80228, unless otherwise designated by the Board.
- b. **Establishing Other Offices and Relocation.** The Board, by resolution, may from time to time, designate, locate and relocate its executive and business office and such other offices as, in its judgment, are necessary to conduct the business of the Authority.

SECTION 6. MEETINGS.

- a. **Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Board shall be conducted quarterly on an as needed basis and held at the business office or virtually, unless otherwise noticed and posted. When necessary, the Board, in its discretion, by motion may change the time and date of regular Board meetings.
- b. **Special Meetings.** Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chair, the Vice Chair, or any two (2) Directors of the Board.
- c. **Meeting Public.** All meetings of the Board, other than executive sessions and social gatherings, shall be open to the public. Meetings include any and all sessions of the Board, at which a quorum of the Board or three (3) or more Directors are expected to be in attendance for discussion of Authority business, either in person, telephonically, or electronically.
- d. **Board Member Notice.** Section 6.a. shall constitute formal notice of regular meetings to the Directors, and no other notice shall be required to be given to the Board. Notice of special meetings shall be provided to Directors by email, telephone, or United States Postal Service (USPS) not less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance. Notice delivered by USPS shall be deemed delivered at 5:00 p.m. on the third (3rd) day following the day on which it was deposited. Attendance by a Director at a regular or special meeting shall be deemed a waiver by the Director of the notice requirements of this subsection d.
- e. **Public Notice.** Public notice and an agenda for all meetings shall be posted not less than twenty-four (24) hours in advance as set forth in the Colorado Open Meetings Law. The Authority's webpage is designated for the posting of such notice pursuant to Section 24-6-401, C.R.S.
- f. **No Informal Action by Directors/Executive Sessions.** All official business of the Board shall be conducted at regular or special meetings.

Executive sessions may be called at regular or special meetings, and conducted according to the following guidelines:

1. Calling the Executive Session. The topic for discussion in the executive session shall be announced in a motion, and the specific statute that authorizes the executive session shall be cited. The matter to be discussed shall be described in as much detail as possible without compromising the purpose of being in executive session. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the quorum in attendance shall be required to go into executive session.
 2. Conducting the Executive Session. No adoption of any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action shall take place in an executive session. The discussion in executive session shall be limited to the reasons for which the executive session was called. An electronic record (such as an audio tape) of the actual contents of the discussion in the executive session shall be kept. No electronic or other record is necessary to be kept for any portions of the discussion which the Authority's attorney reasonably believes constitute attorney-client privileged communication. The attorney shall state on the electronic record when any portion of the executive session is not recorded as an attorney-client privileged communication or sign a statement to the same effect.
 3. Records of Executive Sessions. The electronic record of any executive session shall be retained by the Authority for ninety (90) days from the date of the executive session and then destroyed. Electronic recordings of the executive session, or transcripts or other reproduction of the same, shall not be released to the general public for review under any circumstances, except as required by law.
- g. Adjournment and Continuance of Meetings. When a regular or special meeting is for any reason continued to another time and place, notice need not be given of the continued meeting if the time and place of such meeting are announced at the meeting at which the continuance is taken. At the continued meeting, any business may be transacted which could have been transacted at the original meeting.
- h. Emergency Meetings. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Section 6, emergency meetings may be called, without notice if notice is not practicable, by the Chair, Vice Chair, or any two (2) Directors of the Board in the event of a declared emergency that requires the immediate action of the Board in order to protect the public health, safety, welfare and property of the residents and visitors of the Authority. If possible, notice of

such emergency meeting may be given to the Board by telephone or whatever other means are reasonable to meet the circumstances of the emergency. At such emergency meeting, any action within the power of the Board that is necessary for the immediate protection of the public health, safety, welfare or property of the residents and visitors of the Authority may be taken; provided, however, that any action taken at an emergency meeting shall be effective only until the first to occur of (a) the next regular meeting, or (b) the next special meeting of the Board at which the emergency issue is on the public notice of the meeting. At such subsequent meeting, the Board may ratify any emergency action taken. If any emergency action taken is not ratified, then it shall be deemed rescinded as of the date of such subsequent meeting, although the validity and effectiveness of the emergency action during its effective time shall not be invalidated. A declared emergency for purposes of this subsection h is an emergency within the Authority that has been declared by county or municipal government, the State of Colorado, the United States government, of any department or agency thereof, or the Chair, Vice Chair, or any two (2) Directors of the Board.

- i. **Email Meetings.** Section 24-6-402, C.R.S., requires that certain e-mail correspondence between three (3) Directors (or, when two (2) Directors constitute a quorum, two (2) Directors), if said email correspondence discusses pending resolutions or other Authority business, shall be considered a public meeting subject to the requirements of the Colorado Open Meetings Law.
- j. **Electronic Attendance at Meetings.** Section 24-6-402(1)(b), C.R.S., defines a meeting as “Any kind of gathering to discuss public business, in person, by telephone, electronically, or by other means of communication.” Directors may attend meetings by telephone or other electronic means, so long as he or she is able to reasonably hear the comments from the audience and any comments and discussion among other Directors and staff and is able to participate in the discussion.

SECTION 7. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS.

- a. **Quorum.** All official business of the Board shall be transacted at a regular or special meeting at which a quorum (majority – four Directors) of the Directors shall be in attendance in person, telephonically, or electronically, except as provided in Section 6.h. above and Section 7.b. below.
- b. **Vote Requirements.** Any action of the Board shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors in attendance and voting at a meeting properly called and at which a quorum is in attendance, except that to

convene an executive session of the Board, a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote is required.

- c. **Electronic Signatures.** In the event the signature(s) of one (1) or more Directors of the Board or appointed signatories are required to execute a written document, contract, note, bond, deed, and/or other official papers of the Authority, and the appropriate individual(s) is unable to be physically present to sign said documentation, such individual or individuals are authorized to execute the documentation electronically via facsimile or e-mail signature, unless said documentation provides otherwise. Any electronic signature so affixed to a document shall carry the full legal force and effect of any original, handwritten signature. Except as approved herein, this provision of these Bylaws shall not be interpreted as establishing Authority's consent or authorization to bind Authority to any transaction by the use of electronic records or electronic means. This provision is made pursuant to Article 71.3 of Title 24, C.R.S., also known as the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

- d. **Order of Business.** The business of all regular meetings of the Board shall be transacted, as far as practicable, in the following order, and the agenda for such meetings shall describe in as much detail as is possible the topics planned for discussion within each category:
 - 1. Changes to Agenda;
 - 2. Approval (or approval, as modified) of the minutes of the previous meeting;
 - 3. Public input (for matters not otherwise on the agenda/3-minute time limit/no disrupting, pursuant to Section 18-9-108, C.R.S.);
 - 4. Officers, committees and professional consultants;
 - 5. Unfinished business;
 - 6. New business and special orders;
 - 7. Executive session, if needed; and
 - 8. Adjournment.

- e. **Public Conduct at Meetings.** Comments by members of the public shall be made only during the "Public Input" portion of the meeting and shall be limited to three (3) minutes per individual and five (5) minutes per group

spokesperson unless additional opportunity is given at the Board's discretion. Each member of the public wishing to speak may be asked to fill out a form indicating name, address, and agenda item to be addressed. Disorderly conduct, harassment, or obstruction of or interference with meetings by physical action, verbal utterance, nuisance or any other means are hereby prohibited and constitute a violation of Authority rules. Such conduct may result in removal of person(s) responsible for such behavior from the meeting and/or criminal charges filed against such person(s). To the extent such occurrences arise and the person(s) responsible refuses to leave the premises, law enforcement authorities will be summoned. Prosecution will be pursued under all applicable laws including, without limitation, Sections 18-9-108, C.R.S. (disrupting lawful assembly), 18-9-110, C.R.S. (public buildings - trespass, interference), and/or 18-9-117, C.R.S. (unlawful conduct on public property). Law enforcement may be requested to attend meetings at any time in which the Board believes their presence will be an asset to the keeping of peace and the conducting of public business. 9-1-1 will be called at any time that the Board or staff feels threatened or endangered during a public meeting.

- f. **Minutes.** Within a reasonable time after passage, all votes, resolutions, motions and minutes of Board meetings shall be recorded in a visual text format that may be transmitted electronically and kept for that purpose and shall be attested by the Recording Secretary. Such records shall be the official record of Board meetings. Minutes of regular meetings shall be available for public review as soon as practicable following acceptance of the minutes by adoption of a motion of the Board. Executive sessions shall be electronically recorded on audio tape or other electronic media, and such electronic recording or reproduction of the same shall be kept separate from minutes of regular sessions as described in Section 6.e. of these Bylaws, and shall not be open to the public except as required by law. Draft minutes are considered work product under the Colorado Open Records Act and are not available to the public until discussed by the Board in a public meeting.

SECTION 8. DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL.

- a. **Director Qualifications and Terms.** The appointment and term of each Director shall be determined by relevant statutory provisions as set forth in Section 40-42-103, C.R.S.
- b. **Faithful Performance Bonds.** Each Director shall furnish, at the expense of the Authority, an individual, schedule or blanket surety bond or crime insurance in the sum of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each, conditioned on the faithful performance of the duties of his/her office. In

addition, the Treasurer shall furnish, at the expense of the Authority, a corporate fidelity bond or crime insurance in a sum of not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000), conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of his/her office.

- c. **Director's Performance of Duties.** A Director of the Authority shall perform all duties of a Director, including duties as a member of any committee of the Board upon which the Director may serve, in good faith, in a manner in which the Director reasonably believes to be in the best interests of Authority, and with such care as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. In performing the Director's duties, the Director shall be entitled to rely upon information, opinions, reports, or statements, including financial statements and other financial data, in each case prepared or presented by persons and groups listed in subparagraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this subsection c. The Director shall not be considered to be acting in good faith if he/she has knowledge concerning the matter in question that would cause such reliance to be unwarranted. A person who so performs the Director's duties shall not have any liability by reason of being or having been a Director of the Authority. Those programs and groups upon whose information, opinions, reports, and statements a Director is entitled to rely upon are:
1. One (1) or more officers or employees of the Authority whom the Director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented;
 2. Legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons as to matters which the Director reasonably believes to be within such persons' professional knowledge or expertise; and
 3. A committee of the Board upon which the Director does not serve, duly designated in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws, as to matters within the committee's designated authority, which committee the Director reasonably believes to merit confidence.
- d. **Oath of Office.** Each Director of the Board, before assuming the responsibilities of his/her office, shall take and subscribe an oath of office in the form prescribed by law.
- e. **Election of Officers.** The Board shall elect from its membership a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice Chair who shall be the officers of the Board and of the Authority. The Board may elect from its membership Assistant Secretaries and/or Assistant Treasurers. The officers shall be elected by a majority of the Directors voting at such election. The Board may, from

time to time, appoint an acting officer in the absence of any individual officer. Each officer so elected shall serve for a term of two (2) years, or as otherwise directed by the Board. Under any circumstance, the term shall continue until the election of his/her successor.

- f. **Vacancies.** Any vacancy occurring on the Board shall be filled by the appropriate appointing authority under Section 40-42-103, C.R.S.
- g. **Resignation and Removal.** Directors may be removed from office as set forth in Section 40-42-103, C.R.S. Any Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board and to the appropriate appointing authority, and acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective, unless the notice so provides.
- h. **Chair and President.** The Chair shall preside at all meetings. The Chair shall also be the President of the Authority. The Chair is authorized to sign all contracts, deeds, notes, debentures, warrants and other instruments on behalf of the Authority.
- i. **Secretary.** The Secretary shall be responsible for the records of the Authority; may act as Secretary at meetings of the Board and record all votes; shall be responsible for composing a record of the proceedings of the Board in a visual text format that may be transmitted electronically and kept for that purpose, which shall be an official record of the Board; and shall perform all duties incident to that office. The Secretary shall have the authority to affix such seal to and attest all contracts and instruments authorized to be executed by the Board.
- j. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall be authorized to invest, or cause to be invested, all surplus funds or other available funds of the Authority in permitted investments authorized by law or as specified by the Board. The Treasurer shall be Chair of the Budget Committee and of the Audit Committee. The Treasurer shall keep, or cause to be kept, strict and accurate accounts of all money received by and disbursed for and on behalf of the Authority in permanent records.
- k. **Vice Chair and Assistant Secretaries and/or Treasurers.** The Vice Chair and Assistant Secretaries and/or Treasurers shall have all powers of the associated primary officers in the absence of such officers. In the event that dual signatures of Directors are required on any instrument, then two (2) different Directors of the Board shall sign such instrument.
- l. **Recording Secretary.** The Board shall have the authority to appoint a recording secretary, who need not be a member of the Board, and who shall

be responsible for recording the minutes of the meetings of the Board. The recording secretary shall not be required to take an oath of office, nor shall the recording secretary be required to post a performance bond.

- m. **Additional Duties.** The officers of the Board shall perform such other duties and functions as may, from time to time, be required by the Board, by these Bylaws or the rules and regulations of the Authority, by law, or by special exigencies, which shall later be ratified by the Board.
- n. **Manager or Administrator.** The Board may appoint an executive director of the Authority to serve for such term and upon such conditions, including compensation, as the Board may establish. The Board may delegate such powers and duties to the executive director as it deems appropriate.
- o. **Personnel Selection and Tenure.** The selection of agents, employees, engineers, accountants, special consultants and attorneys of the Authority by the Board will be based upon the relative qualifications and capabilities of the applicants and shall not be based upon political services or affiliations. Agents and employees of the Authority shall hold their offices at the pleasure of the Board. Contracts for professional services of engineers, accountants, special consultants and attorneys may be entered into upon such terms and conditions as may seem reasonable and proper to the Board.

SECTION 9. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION.

- a. **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Authority shall commence on January 1st of each year and end on December 31st.
- b. **Budget Committee.** There shall be a permanent Budget Committee composed of the Treasurer, another Director appointed by the Chair/President, and the executive director, if any, which Committee shall be responsible for preparation of the draft annual budget of the Authority and such other matters as may be assigned to it by the Chair/President or the Board.
- c. **Budget.** On or before October 15th of each year, the Budget Committee shall prepare and submit to the Board a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year. Such proposed budget shall be accompanied by a statement which shall describe the important features of the budget plan and, by a general summary wherein shall be set forth the aggregate features of the budget, in such manner as to show the balanced relations between the total proposed expenditures and the total anticipated income or other means of financing the proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year, as contrasted

with the corresponding figures for the last completed fiscal year and the current fiscal year. The proposed budget shall be supported by explanatory schedules or statements classifying the expenditures contained therein by services, subjects and funds. The anticipated income of the Authority shall be classified according to the nature of receipts.

- d. **Notice of Budget.** Upon receipt of the proposed budget, the Board shall cause to be published a notice that the proposed budget is open for inspection by the public at the Authority's business office; that the Board will consider the adoption of the proposed budget at a public hearing on a certain date; and that any interested elector may inspect the proposed budget and file or register any objections thereto at any time prior to its final adoption. Such notice shall be posted or published in substantial compliance with law.
- e. **Adoption of Budget.** On the day set for consideration of such proposed budget, the Board shall review the proposed budget and revise, alter, increase or decrease the items as it deems necessary in view of the needs of the Authority and the probable income of the Authority. The Board shall then adopt a budget, either during the budget hearing or at a later date and time to be set by the Board, setting forth the expenditures to be made in the ensuing fiscal year. The Board shall provide for sufficient revenues to finance budgeted expenditures.
- f. **Filing of Budget.** On or before January 30th of each year, the Board shall cause a certified copy of such budget to be filed with the Division of Local Government in the Colorado Department of Local Affairs.
- g. **Appropriating Resolution.**
 - 1. At the time of adoption of the budget, the Board shall enact a resolution making appropriations for the ensuing fiscal year. The amounts appropriated thereunder shall not exceed the amounts fixed therefor in the adopted budget.
 - 2. The income of the Authority, as estimated in the budget and other revenue and borrowing resolutions, shall be allocated in the amounts and according to the funds specified in the budget for the purpose of meeting the expenditures authorized by the appropriation resolution.
 - 3. The Board may make an appropriation to and for a contingency fund to be used in cases of emergency or for any other unforeseen contingencies.

- h. **No Contract to Exceed Appropriation.** The Board shall have no authority to enter into any contract, or otherwise bind or obligate the Authority to any liability for payment of money for any purposes for which provision is not made in an appropriation resolution, including any legally authorized amendment thereto, in excess of the amounts of such appropriation for that fiscal year. Any contract, verbal or written, contrary to the terms of this Section 9 shall be void ab initio, and no Authority funds shall be expended in payment of such contracts.

- i. **Contingencies.**
 - 1. In cases of emergency caused by a natural disaster, public enemy, or other contingency which could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of the adoption of the budget, the Board may authorize the expenditure of funds in excess of the budget by resolution duly adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board. Such resolution shall set forth in full the facts concerning the emergency and shall be included in the minutes of such meeting.
 - 2. If so enacted, a copy of the resolution authorizing additional expenditures shall be filed with the Division of Local Government in the Colorado Department of Local Affairs and shall be published in compliance with statutory requirements.

- j. **Payment of Contingencies.**
 - 1. If there are unexpended or uncommitted money in funds other than those to which the emergency relates, the Board shall transfer such available money to the fund from which the emergency expenditure is to be paid.
 - 2. To the extent that transferable funds are insufficient to meet the emergency appropriation, the Board may borrow money through (a) the issuance of bond anticipation notes payable from future bond proceeds or operating revenue, or (b) any other lawful and approved method.

- k. **Annual Audit.**
 - 1. The Board shall cause an annual audit (or exemption from audit) to be made at the end of each fiscal year of all financial affairs of the Authority through December 31st of such fiscal year. The audit report must be submitted to the Board within six (6) months of the close of such fiscal year, or as otherwise provided by law. Such

audit shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and by a registered or certified public accountant who has not maintained the books, records and accounts of Authority during the fiscal year. The auditor shall prepare, and certify as to its accuracy, an audit report, including a financial statement and balance sheet based on such audit, an unqualified opinion or qualified opinion with explanations, and a full disclosure of any violation of Colorado law, pursuant to statutory requirements.

2. There shall be a permanent Audit Committee composed of the Treasurer and one (1) other member of the Board appointed by the Chair/President. The Audit Committee shall be responsible for the appointment, compensation, selection (to be approved by the Board), retention, and oversight of the work of any independent accountants engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an independent audit report or performing other independent audit, review or attest services for the Authority. The Audit Committee may, as necessary and to the extent of its ability, provide independent review and oversight of the Authority's financial reporting processes, internal controls and independent auditors. All accountants thus engaged shall report directly to the Audit Committee.
3. A copy of the audit report shall be maintained by the Authority as a public record for public inspection at all reasonable times.
4. A copy of the audit report shall be forwarded to the State Auditor or other appropriate State official pursuant to statutory requirements.
5. Notwithstanding the foregoing audit requirements, the Board may file for an application for exemption from audit if the statutory criteria are met.

SECTION 10. CORPORATE SEAL. The seal of the Authority shall be a circle containing the name of the Authority and shall be used upon all documents and in such a manner as seals generally are used by public and private corporations. The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, the seal and shall be responsible for its safekeeping and care.

SECTION 11. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST. A potential conflict of interest of any Director shall be disclosed in accordance with State law, particularly Article 18 of Title 24 and Section 18-8-308, C.R.S.

SECTION 12. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES. The Authority shall defend, hold harmless and indemnify any Director,

officer, agent, or employee of the Authority, whether elective or appointive, against any tort or liability, claim or demand, without limitation, arising out of any alleged act or omission occurring during the performance of official duty, as more fully defined by law or by an indemnification resolution, if any. The provisions of this Section 12 shall be supplemental and subject to and, to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, shall be modified by the provisions of the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act, Section 24-10-101, *et seq.*, C.R.S.

SECTION 13. RECORDS MANAGEMENT. The Authority shall comply with, and adopt and maintain policies as necessary for compliance with, applicable records retention, destruction, and disclosure requirements, including the Colorado Open Records Act, State Archives and Public Records Law, and various consumer privacy legislation. The Authority manager or administrator, or his/her designee, is hereby designated as the Official Custodian of Records (“Custodian”) pursuant to the Colorado Open Records Act. In the event there is any question as to whether the Authority is permitted to comply with a Colorado Open Records Act request, the Custodian shall forward such request to the Authority’s legal counsel. Copies of records shall be furnished at a cost of twenty-five cents (\$.25) per standard 8.5-inch by 11-inch black and white page. The charge for providing a copy, printout or photograph of a public record in a format other than a standard page will be assessed at the actual cost of production. Additionally, in those cases where the location or existence of specific documents must be researched and the documents must be retrieved, sorted or reviewed for applicability to the request, and such process requires more than one (1) hour of staff time, the Custodian may charge a research and retrieval fee not to exceed thirty-three dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$33.58) per hour. The Custodian will not impose a charge for the first (1st) hour of time expended in connection with the research and retrieval of public records. The fees and charges stated in this Section 13 will automatically be increased to the maximum amounts allowed by law without additional Board action.

SECTION 14. MODIFICATION OF BYLAWS. These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed at any regular or special meeting of the Board to become effective immediately or at a subsequent date.

SECTION 15. SEVERABILITY. If any part or provision of these Bylaws is adjudged to be unenforceable or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remaining provisions of these Bylaws, it being the Board’s intention that the various provisions hereof are severable.

SECTION 16. TERMINATION OF PRIOR BYLAWS. These Bylaws amend, supersede and replace in their entirety any and all prior Bylaws, and any amendments thereto, previously adopted by the Board.

ADOPTED this 21st day of October, 2022, by the Board of Directors of the Colorado Electric Transmission Authority.

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By: /s/ Kathleen Staks
Chair

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Secretary